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SUBJ: UN MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY FORCE

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1. MINISTER OF DEFENSE ORLA MOLLER AND CHIEF OF DEFENSE GEN.

BLIXENCRONE-MOLLER BOTH TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT DENMARK IS PREPARED

TO RESPOND TO POSSIBLE UN REQUEST FOR MILITARY FORCES TO PARTICIPATE

IN MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY FORCE. DANISH UNITS INVOLVED ARE PART OF

JOINT NORDIC -UN-STANDBY FORCE, COMPRISING SWEDISH, FINNISH AND

NORWEGIAN UNITS AS WELL. DANISH CONTRIBUTION COULD

APPROXIMATE 1000 MEN, ALTHOUGH IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO ATTAIN THAT

THEORETICAL LIMIT. DEFMIN MENTIONED THAT UN HAD ALREADY ASKED WHETHER

DANES COULD PROVIDE 20 ADDITIONAL OBSERVERS, WHO ARE NOW BEING PRE-
PARED FOR DEPARTURE.

2. DANISH UNITS CONCERNED ARE ONE INFANTRY BATTALION (580 MEN),

ONE MP COMPANY (43 MEN), ONE MEDICAL COMPANY (150 MEN), ONE MAIN-

TENANCE PLATOON (20 MEN) AND ONE SIGNAL COMPANY (90)MEN. THESE

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TROOPS WOULD NEED ABOUT THREE WEEKS WARNING BEFORE DEPARTURE IN

ORDER TO OBTAIN INOCULATIONS, ETC. ALL LISTED UNITS ARE PART OF DANISH STANDING FORCE, WHICH IS NATO-COMMITTED. DANES ALSO HAVE ONE 120 MAN UNIT, SPECIFICALLY SET ASIDE FOR UN PURPOSES AND NOT NATO-COMMITTED, WHICH COULD LEAVE FOR MIDDLE EAST ALMOST IMMEDIATELY. DANES REPORTEDLY HAVE, IN ADDITION, 230 MILITARY PERSONNEL AND ABOUT 50 POLICEMEN IN UNFICYP'S 900 MAN FORCE ON CYPRUS, WHICH UN MIGHT RUSH TO MIDDLE EAST WHILE OTHER UNITS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR MOVEMENT.

3. ALTHOUGH LIFT REQUIREMENT FOR JOINT NORDIC-UN STANDBY FORCE IS SUPPOSEDLY PART OF NORWEGIAN CONTRIBUTION TO FORCE, THEIR MILITARY TRANSPORT CAPACITY MAY HAVE TO BE SUPPLEMENTED IF RAPID MOVEMENT IS DESIRED.

4. MINISTER OF DEFENSE TOLD ME HE WOULD HOPE TO OBTAIN SPECIAL PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORIZATION TO SEND DANISH FORCES TO MIDDLE EAST IN ORDER TO AVOID EXTRA STRAIN ON HIS ALREADY TIGHT BUDGET BUT ANTICIPATED NO GREAT DIFFICULTY IN OBTAINING THIS. HE DID ANTICIPATE, HOWEVER, SOME RESISTANCE FROM DANISH MILITARY LEADERS WHO WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE CREAM OF THEIR SMALL FORCE TAKEN AWAY. CROWE

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